

Written testimony for SB 542

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We understand that the committee may be entertaining a compromise to SB 542 i.e. extending the “distance” required for notification, beyond a property owner's adjacent boundaries, possibly to 500 feet or even 1000 feet. We would request that the committee adopt the language of SB 542 as is. In addition to our testimony of Wednesday September 20, 2017, we ask the committee to consider the following:

- 1) When applying liquid fertilizer, the area of coverage is limited to within inches of where it reaches the ground. The fertilizer, when applied, can be observed on the lawn as the color of the product is distinguishable from the color of the lawn. Our trained certified applicators can readily observe the spray's direction, volume and distance with very little difficulty. As was stated during our previous testimony, great discretion is taken in deciding whether to spray or not due to unfavorable wind conditions.
- 2) During testimony presented by TruGreen, a visual of two different lawns appeared on the screen, depicting a sprayed lawn and one that was not treated. The distinction was quite noticeable. You should have been given two photos taken by Nault's Green Lawn, depicting the exact same message. One can observe just how straight the boundary lines are, again demonstrating the accuracy of the application. A third photo also demonstrates the accuracy of an application. Notice that the flowers and shrubs are not harmed, while the lawn is green and contains no weeds. These pictures contain the most scientific evidence available (that we are aware of), depicting that extending the boundary line is unnecessary.
- 3) Entertaining a compromise of 500 feet or 1000 feet does not provide a resolution dictated by science, it is an arbitrary number. Dennis took his Garmin and measured the distances of 500 feet and 1000 feet from the property of the registrant who resides in Escanaba . For the distance of 500 feet, we receive no relief to the number of properties that would be (are) included on the registry list. If you extend the distance to 1000 feet, given time, it will only double the registry list.

Depending upon where the person to be notified resides, smaller lots in the Escanaba

area could encompass 3-5 blocks if using 1000 feet as a measure.

We would ask that the language remain as stated in SB 542. Unless medical or scientific information is made available proving we are direct contributors to the problem, we should be considered innocent of any causation. Thank you.

Eric Nault, Nault's Green Lawn Liquid Fertilizer, Inc
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